

Base Briefs

TIP OF THE WEEK

NCOs are responsible for counseling members concerning any on- and off-duty conduct detrimental to an individual or co-workers health and safety. NCOs instruct subordinates in the safe practices observed in daily operations and enforce these standards.

HOLIDAY SAFETY

Team Vandenberg's mandatory holiday safety campaign briefings begin at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Monday at the Pacific Coast Club.

MPF CLOSURE

The military personnel flight is closed 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday.

FINANCE CLOSURE

The 30th Comptroller Squadron's financial services flight is closed Monday.

PASSAND I.D.

The 30th Security Forces Squadron's pass and registration office will close at noon Tuesday and re-open Dec. 1 inside the military personnel flight customer service section, room C-114. The new hours will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; and 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wednesday.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Team Vandenberg holiday party is Dec. 5 at the Pacific Coast Club. First sergeants have tickets and more information.

AFES RIBBON

Effective Oct. 1, 1999, members who have completed contingency deployments of 45 consecutive or 90 days non-consecutive may be eligible to receive the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon. Members should report to their unit CSS with deployment orders and travel voucher to check eligibility. Once eligibility is verified, the CSS will complete the AF Form 104 authorizing the ribbon. Members should expect to see the ribbon updated to their electronic records on or around March 2004 and the ribbon should be available for purchase at clothing sales on or around Jan. 2004. Questions can be directed to unit orderly room personnel or awards and decorations at 606-7828.

ASCM RIBBON

Effective March 24, 1999 members who provided direct support for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days to one of the below listed operations, at home station or from outside of the geographic area of combat, may qualify for the Air and Space Campaign Medal. Operations that qualify are ALLIED FORCE (March 24 - July 20,

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Gravity Probe B Delta II launch delayed

By AIRMAN SARAH WITTKÉ

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ NASA announced Monday the decision to reschedule the launch of the Gravity Probe-B research satellite from Space Launch Complex 2 on South Vandenberg.

The satellite, which uses gyroscopes to test Albert Einstein's gravitational theories, was set to launch Dec. 6 aboard a Delta II rocket before communications problems were discovered.

The length of the postponement will not be known until a course of action is developed to address the GP-B problem.

The delay is caused from "electronic noise" discovered by technicians during pre-launch testing of an output channel associated with one of the experiment's gyroscopes, according to NASA officials.

The noise could compromise the quality of data received from the satellite.

"This precaution will restore full redundancy to the experiment and provide the greatest chance for success over the planned 16-month life of the mission," NASA said in a written statement.

The satellite was to be transported to SLC-2 Wednesday.

The mission gives scientists the chance to test Einstein's General Theory of Relativity.

In 1916, Einstein produced the theory of gravitation, or General Relativity. He interpreted gravity

not as a force, but as a field distorting space and time. The planets in their courses, which seem to us to be moving in elliptic orbits around the Sun, are in reality following straight lines through curved space-time.

Gravity Probe-B is designed to reveal these consequences of relativity with gyroscopes, which measure how space and time are warped by the Earth's presence – and how the Earth's rotation drags space-time around it.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Stanford University's Bob Kahn explains the role of the gyroscope in testing Einstein's Relativity theory.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS

"The shot was quick and easy," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Williamson, 30th Security Forces Squadron, after receiving the influenza vaccine from Staff Sgt. David Willett, 30th Medical Group. Vandenberg's immunization clinic will offer flu injections for dependents and retirees, and make up shots for 30th Space Wing personnel, at the Services center 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. December 1-5. Shot records are required for vaccinations.

Flu season's here – are you vaccinated?

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Influenza, often called the flu, is a serious illness.

When uncontrolled, the virus can spread like wildfire from person to person causing a number of unwanted symptoms for its victims. This year the flu vaccine is offered at several different base locations and Team Vandenberg members are urged to get it early to avoid contracting the flu.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the flu is responsible for the deaths of 36,000 people per year and the hospitalization of 114,000 people. Complications from the flu can result in a series of other serious problems including pneumonia.

"Influenza spreads when flu viruses pass from an infected individual to the nose and throat of others," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Rosby, 30th

Medical Group. "Influenza can cause, fever, chills, headache, cough, sore throat and muscles aches."

People of any age can contract influenza, and although influenza can make any individual sick, some people are only ill for a few days and some have a much more serious illness requiring hospitalization, Rosby said.

The flu season is November to April in the United States, and each year the influenza viruses change.

"Therefore, the influenza vaccine is updated each year to make sure it is as effective as possible," Rosby said. "An immune response develops in about two weeks and may last up until a year."

Rosby said there are several groups of people that are at high risk

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PHOTO BY 1ST LT. MICHELLE MAYO

Santa's Workshop – Airman 1st Class Robert Evans, 532nd Training Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Nicole Sneed, 576th Flight Test Squadron, helped to wrap more than 1,400 gifts Saturday for Operation Kids' Christmas.

OKC wraps up for holidays

Volunteers make final preparations for OKC event

By 1ST LT. MICHELLE MAYO

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Vandenberg's very own Christmas elves came out Saturday to wrap more than 1,400 gifts in preparation for Operation Kids' Christmas Dec. 6.

"We had a great time," said Capt. Eric Talcott, 392nd Training Squadron instructor and OKC committee chairman. "Everyone who came was there because they wanted to be part of something bigger than themselves. It felt good to know that we, by our work, helped 200 children."

Christmas music echoed through the OKC warehouse as nearly 50 volunteers from the 381st Training Group, Vandenberg cheerleaders and base youth groups wrapped the presents and put them into bags for the children.

"I felt like Santa's elf," said Airman Sarah Wittke, 30th Space Wing Public Affairs. "I had everything but the slippers."

The children will receive the presents at the OKC holiday

party, an annual event the base hosts for 200 underprivileged children from the surrounding communities of Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Lompoc and Santa Ynez.

Each child who attends the party will receive seven colorfully wrapped presents and their family receives a holiday food basket filled with enough for a Christmas dinner.

"I thought it was really cool that the kids were getting so many presents," Wittke said.

The party itself is a fun-filled event filled with dancers, clowns, smiles and new friends.

Each child is paired with an active-duty escort during the two-hour party. The escort, dressed in service dress, accompanies the child during the party and takes them to visit Santa at the end.

Spanish-speaking escorts are always in high demand. For more information or to volunteer, contact 1st Lt. Brendan Epps at Brendan.Epps@vandenberg.af.mil.

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Sunny Sunday.
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47/63
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This week in history ...

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

November 16
1945 – In a move that stirs up some controversy, the United States ships 88 German scientists to America to assist the nation in its production of rocket technology. Most of these men had served under the Nazi regime and critics in the United States questioned the morality of placing them in the service of America. Nevertheless, the U.S. government, desperate to acquire the scientific know-how that had produced the terrifying and destructive V-1 and V-2 rockets for Germany during WWII, and fearful that the Russians were also utilizing captured German scientists for the same end, welcomed the men with open arms

1959 – Capt. J.W. Kittinger was the first to parachute from an altitude of 76,400 feet.

November 17
1941 –Joseph Grew notifies the U.S. State Department that he had heard that Japan had planned, in the event of trouble with the United States, to attempt a surprise mass attack at Pearl Harbor. The Office of Naval Intelligence ignored his warning, hence the attack on Pearl Harbor.

1969 –Soviet and U.S. negotiators meet in Helsinki to begin the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks.

The meeting was the climax of years of discussions between the two nations concerning the means to curb the Cold War arms race. Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency Gerard Smith was put in charge of the U.S. delegation. At the same time, National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger began negotiations with the Soviet ambassador in America. The negotiations continued for nearly three

years, until the signing of the SALT I agreement in May 1972.

November 18
1883 –American and Canadian railroads begin using four continental time zones to end the confusion of dealing with thousands of local times. The bold move was emblematic of the power shared by the railroad companies

The need for continental time zones stemmed directly from the problems of moving passengers and freight over the thousands of miles of rail line that covered North America by the 1880s. Since human beings had first begun keeping track of time, they set their clocks to the local movement of the sun. Even as late as the 1880s, most towns in the U.S. had their own local time, generally based on “high noon,” or the time when the sun was at its highest point in the sky. As railroads began to shrink the travel time between cities from days or months to mere hours, however, these local times became a scheduling nightmare. Railroad timetables in major cities listed dozens of different arrival and departure times for the same train, each linked to a different local time zone.

1949 –A USAF C-74 carries a record number of 103 persons.

November 19
1952 – An F-86D establishes a world speed record of 698.505 mph.

1863 – President Abraham Lincoln delivers one of the most famous speeches in American history at the dedication of the military cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Using just 272 words, Lincoln brilliantly and movingly articulated the meaning of the conflict for a war-weary public.

November 20

1948 – In what begins as a fairly minor incident, the American consul and his staff in Mukden, China, are made virtual hostages by communist forces in China. The crisis did not end until a year later, by which time U.S. relations with the new communist government in China had been seriously damaged.

1963 – The USAF accepts the first two F-4C jet fighters.

November 21
1957 – The first of several ballistic missile bases are erected at Frances E. Warren AFB, Wyoming

1985 –Jonathan Pollard, a civilian U.S. Navy intelligence analyst and Jewish American, is arrested on charges of illegally passing classified U.S. security information about Arab nations to Israel.

November 22
1963 – John Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, is assassinated while traveling through Dallas, Texas, in an open-top convertible. First lady Jacqueline Kennedy rarely accompanied her husband on political outings, but she was beside him, along with Texas Governor John Connally and his wife, for a 10-mile motorcade through the streets of downtown . Sitting in a Lincoln convertible, the Kennedys and Connallys waved at the large and enthusiastic crowds gathered along the parade route.

As their vehicle passed the Texas School Book Depository Building at 12:30 p.m., Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly fired three shots from the sixth floor, fatally wounding President Kennedy and seriously injuring Governor Connally. Kennedy was pronounced dead 30 minutes later at Dallas’ Parkland Hospital. He was 46 years old.

Go HAWKS!



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Three-year-old Melissa Cromwell is lifted high by her fellow Vandenberg Flyers cheerleaders while performing in the pre-game show for the L.A. Clippers Nov. 15 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

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COMMANDER ON CONSOLE

Eagles honor pioneers of spirit

By COL. FRANK GALLEGOS
30th Space Wing commander

This week I had the privilege of attending a ceremony where the Chief of Staff of the Air Force honored a group of “eagles” before nearly 3,500 military and industry partners as part of the Centennial of Flight celebration.

The Gathering of Eagles is an honor given to those pioneers who have made great advances in air and space power.

Twenty-five honorees were present this year. Names like Lee “Buddy” Archer, Jr., the first and only ace of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, Frank Borman, who led the first team of astronauts that escaped Earth’s orbit, setting the stage for America’s lunar

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landings and Florene Miller Watson, one of the original Women’s Auxiliary Ferry Squadron members, who piloted every USAAF fighter and bomber built by the US aircraft industry during WWII, were read as these eagles received their awards.

It was a memorable event that

brought home the true meaning of the 30th Space Wing vector of unleashing human talent. All of these airmen overcame challenges and adversity to become great contributors to air and space power and they all paved the paths that we walk on today.

It is now up to us to continue to carry on the tradition of excellence ...in all we do. The vision for Air Force Space

Command is to become “Space Combat Command” by 2025. YOU are the airmen that will become our CMSgts, Colonels, and Generals to command this bright future. Like the early air power pioneers, your generation is set to become the next space power pioneers. You will develop doctrine, integrate space forces, train to be space leaders of tomorrow, and pave the path others will follow in the years to come. There has never been a more exciting time to be in the space launch and space power business as there is now. And I have every confidence that you will continue to carry on the fine tradition of the Eagles that were honored this week. Go HAWKS!

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Col. Frank Gallegos
commander

use your chain of command. Talk to your supervisors, first sergeants, services officials and other base professionals and give them a chance to solve your problem first. Working together, we will enrich the 30th SW mission performance and the quality of life of our airmen. When calling the action line, leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

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Commitment to service: A traditional armed forces value

By COL. NORMAN McALPIN
595th Space Group commander

Recently, I had an opportunity to participate in a discussion with a group of young officers about ethics, values, and whether our Air Force should be a reflection of society; or whether it should have a set of values and beliefs that reflect the commitment that goes with the oath, “I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic...”

Maybe they were just reflecting back what they thought the old-fogey colonel wanted to hear, but I was truly heartened to see that they “got it” and understood what being a committed Air Force warrior

is all about. Then, a few days later I was privileged to sit with a gentleman at the Centennial of Flight Ball who had been a prisoner of war in Nazi Germany during World War II. In 1944, he was a 19-year-old B-24 pilot. When his plane was shot down, he and one other crewmember were the only survivors. They subsequently spent 15 months in a prison camp. Also in attendance at the Centennial celebration were several Tuskegee airmen who overcame racial prejudice to establish an unsurpassed record of combat performance, and some of the original Flying Tigers, who were secretly flying combat missions for the Chinese

Air Force against Japanese forces before America officially entered into World War II. Experiencing these two events within days of each other really drove home to me that our Air Force has a rich tradition of heroes and warriors who set the standard of commitment extremely high. It also drove home to me that “service before self” is not just some catchphrase that somebody dreamed up in the last few years. Service before self is not a core value just because somebody liked the way it sounded. It is one of our core values because a long line of combat pilots, ground crews, remote radar operators, alert crews, security forces and

countless others made it a tradition. So, how do we keep that tradition alive in today’s Air Force? The reality is that most of us will never have to face that ultimate big test of going eyeball to eyeball with an enemy in combat. However, we all face smaller challenges every day. For most of us, it is how we react to this accumulation of smaller challenges that defines our commitment to service before self. A long time ago, I used to play a little football in high school. We had a good team, primarily because the coaches were tough on us. Their philosophy was that if you didn’t perform well in practice, you wouldn’t perform well in the big game.

The same holds true for all of us in today’s Air Force. If we’re not committed to service before self in overcoming the day-to-day obstacles, how are we going to do when faced with a really big challenge? I believe the most important thing most of us can do to keep service before self a tradition in tomorrow’s Air Force, is to make sure we do the little things right today. Salute the flag at retreat. Don’t duck senior officers outside to avoid saluting. Look sharp in our uniform. Give a ride to the airman walking down the road in the rain. Give 100 percent at work. Be proud to be a member of the world’s best Air Force. That’s the way to keep the tradition alive.

Do you know where your children are, what they’re doing?

By LANA DAVENPORT
30th Civil Engineer Squadron

You’ve most likely heard the old adage, “kids will be kids.” Well, it’s true whether in a civilian community or on a military installation. Case in point – property vandalism. There has been an on-going problem with vandalism to construction sites and landscaping throughout the military family housing area. Some of the most recent incidents:

- Two of the newly-constructed playgrounds in East Housing were vandalized. One of the sites involved a fire being set inside a trash receptacle. The fire was so intense it left a burn mark on the concrete under the can.
- A row of sprinkler heads along Utah and Wyoming streets were deliberately broken off. This is a school route and it appears as if children walking to and from school used the sprinkler heads as entertainment along their way.
- The construction site at Chapel 1 was tampered with and materials damaged.
- Newly planted trees broken off at the base of the trees and newly planted or hydroseeded lawn

areas gouged with bicycle treads or shoe prints in various areas throughout housing. There are numerous other incidents, but you get the idea. The problem is escalating. Children need to be aware that deliberate damage to the property of others is a *crime*, not a pastime. We are trying to beautify Vandenberg and its housing area to better the quality of life for everyone working and living on base. Unfortunately, the actions of a few individuals spoil these improvements for everyone and cost the government additional dollars to repair the damages. These costly repairs mean there is less and less money for new improvements, not to mention a waste of taxpayer dollars. It is imperative that parents take the time to teach their children the difference between right and wrong and to respect the property of others. If caught in the act of vandalism, the price they will pay (and their parents will pay) is far greater than the small thrill they might get from their selfish act of vandalism. Let’s all work together to make and keep Vandenberg a beautiful base for the enjoyment of everyone.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Hometown: I don’t have a hometown; I’m a military brat. We moved every four years. My dad retired in San Antonio.
Time in Service: 22.5 years
Time on Station: 2.5 years
Role in Mission: The 30th Contracting Squadron provides a variety of contractual instruments to meet wing and tenant requirements for infrastructure and base operating services.
How do you contribute to the wing mission? As superintendent, I have overall responsibility for enlisted training, on-the-job and in a contingency environment. I ensure current and future contracting warfighters are equipped with the experience, knowledge and tools necessary to perform successfully at home and abroad.

How do you fulfill the core values? I love serving my country. Continuing to serve, putting my country before myself, is the way I give back for all that I’ve been blessed to have. I also strive for excellence - in that instance it’s important to remember it’s not the destination but the journey.
What do you like best about the Air Force? I’ve met a lot of fun and interesting people and done things others only read about in a book or see on TV.
What’s the most exciting experience you’ve had so far in the Air Force? I’d have to say a Top Dollar Competition at Little Rock AFB, Ark. in 1995. Me and six men: my male contracting counterpart and five finance personnel, going through an obstacle course and a week’s worth of Contracting/Finance deployment scenarios – tough, scary and fun all at once.
How would you improve life at Vandenberg? This is a beautiful base in an ideal location but some of the amenities such as BX, fitness center, etc. could be bigger with more variety.
Who is your role model and why? My dad and my husband, both retired Air Force with close to 60 years service between them. They gave me courage and strength of purpose. They taught me the importance of doing the right thing and doing it well. Also my mother for surviving the toughest job ever - Air Force wife and mother.
Who is your favorite leader in history and why? Martin Luther King Jr, because I don’t know where I’d be right now if he hadn’t had the courage and strength to stand up for his convictions and raise awareness and concern for the rights of an oppressed race of people.
Favorite book: “The Stand” by Stephen King.
Hobbies: My family, reading, and jogging.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

because of his integrity, truthfulness and attitude.
Who is your favorite leader in history and why? President George W. Bush, because of his stoic stance with Iraq.
Favorite film: “Pretty Woman”
Hobbies: Shopping, most any outdoor activity

Hometown: Bedford, Virginia
Time in Service: 4.5 years
Time on Station: 1.5 years
Role in Mission: 30th Space Wing commander’s secretary
How do you contribute to the wing mission? I schedule and coordinate the commander’s calendar for important meetings and briefings to ensure that Team Vandenberg is fulfilling our mission and goals.
How do you fulfill the core values? Integrity first, teamwork
What do you like best about the Air Force? The support you get from the AF family (a home away from home) and traveling.
What’s the most exciting experience you’ve had so far in the Air Force? I have to say there are two that stick out in my mind. First, while we were stationed at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, I worked at U.S. Air Forces Europe headquarters and had the opportunity to meet some of the crewmembers loading the meals and the supplies that were being airdropped during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. My second experience would have to be while I was working in the command section at the 576th Flight Test Squadron. I got to see a Peacekeeper get launched!
How would you improve life at Vandenberg? Less fog. I enjoy Vandenberg.
Who is your role model and why? My husband – Staff Sgt. Earl Ragland –

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Flu

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for contracting the flu, including anyone 65 years and older, residents of long term care facilities housing, persons with chronic medical conditions, any child or adult with a serious long-term health condition with heart disease, anemia, metabolic disease, such as diabetes, asthma, lung disease, kidney disease, people infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus and children and teenagers six months to 18 months of age on long-term aspirin treatment.
“Influenza is most common in the U.S. from December to April, so it best to get the vaccine in the fall,” Rosby said. “Since influenza viruses change frequently, they may not always be covered by the vaccine. But vaccinated people who do get influenza often have a milder case

than those who did not get the shot.”
Experts say anyone contracting the flu should get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids, avoid using alcohol and tobacco and take all medications given to relieve symptoms, which usually start one to four days after contracting the virus.
According to the CDC, people who contract the virus can spread it starting one day before they begin to feel sick and pass it on for another three to seven days after they begin to feel better.
To avoid spreading the virus, people should disinfect surfaces touched, cover their mouths when coughing and wash their hands afterwards.
The CDC also states there are certain groups of people who should not get the influenza vaccine before talking to their

doctors. People who have severe allergies to hens and eggs, individuals who have had severe reactions to the flu shot in the past and people who previously developed Gullian-Barre syndrome during the six weeks after getting their last flu shots, should avoid getting the vaccine.
Rosby said the immunization clinic here will offers flu injections for dependents and retirees, and make up shots for 30th Space Wing personnel, at the Services center 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. December 1-5. Shot records are required for vaccinations.
People who have questions concerning the flu injection can call the immunization clinic at 606-8474.
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has information available on influenza at their Website at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/fluvirus.htm>.

Shuttle to Santa Maria airport now running

■ The Vandenberg Airport Shuttle is now available to transport passengers to and from the Santa Maria Airport.
The shuttle provides free transportation to all military members and DoD civilian on temporary duty assignment or deployment orders.
Others may use the shuttle per space available.
The service will operate on a trial basis for six months.
It will run Monday through Friday and will meet all arriving and departing flights. Weekend

pickups can be arranged by calling vehicle operations dispatch at 606-5713 or 606-5714.
The pick-up point is located at the corner of California Blvd. and Herado Ave. in the 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron compound.
Members wishing to use the airport shuttle may enter the parking lot on Herado Ave. across from the AAFESS service station. Short-term parking is marked with signs.
(Information provided by the 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron.)

Shuttle departs for Santa Maria at:	Santa Maria to Los Angeles flight departures:	Los Angeles to Santa Maria flight arrivals:
4:45 a.m.		
8:32 a.m.		9:57 a.m.
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I promise...



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHUCK WALKER

Dustin Hall from Orcutt, Calif. recites the oath of enlistment here Saturday. More than 50 delayed enlistment program members and their recruiters visited Vandenberg for a recruiting commander’s call.

Briefs

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TRICARE SERVICE
Vandenberg has two beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators on hand to answer TriCare service questions – call Bonnie Robles at 606-7483, or Judith Monroe at 606-6785.

OPINIONMETER
The 30th Medical Group asks its customers to take a short survey located in the pharmacy/primary care lobby. The “Opinionmeter” device asks for opinions regarding health care, medical staff and specific issues regarding Vandenberg’s medical clinic. Call 606-3308 for details.

OKC VOLUNTEERS
Operation Kids’ Christmas is recruiting military escorts for the OKC Christmas party Dec. 6. More than 200 escorts are needed to make the special day a reality for nearly 200 underprivileged children in the local community. There is an escort briefing at 11 a.m. Nov. 30 in Bldg. 8290. Call or e-mail 1st Lt. Brendan Epps at 606-6621 or brendan.epps@vandenberg.af.mil to volunteer.

EYE CARE

The Optometry clinic is open to all active duty and TriCare Prime dependents. Some space available appointments are available for all other categories of DoD beneficiaries. Per TriCare Prime guidelines, dependents of active duty are authorized one eye exam every 12 months. Retirees and their dependents are authorized one eye exam every twenty-four months. To schedule an appointment, call the clinic at 606-0468.

GAS MASK INSERTS

All active-duty airmen who require glasses for distance vision must have a usable pair of gas mask inserts. To order inserts, airmen should stop by the optometry clinic with their medical records or call 606-0468 to schedule an eye exam.

GATE OPENINGS

The Santa Maria, Lompoc and Timber Lane Gates are open 24 hours. The Utah Gate is open from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The Titan Gate is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

EAGLE EYES

The Air Force’s Eagle Eyes program is a community based defensive program combating terrorism. Team V members are encouraged to keep an eye out for suspicious behaviors and report them immediately. To report any unusual behavior, call the Air Force Office of Special Investigations at 606-1852 or the law enforcement desk at 606-3911.

TOUR GUIDES

30th Space Wing Public Affairs seeks company grade officers and NCOs to conduct base tours for visiting groups. The duty requires some advanced training and orientation, but would only take short periods of time from regular duties. Call Jack Hokanson at 606-3595 for details.

Crimebeat ...

COMPILED BY MASTER SGT. WESLEY ASLESON
30th Security Forces Squadron

Nov. 13
Oh deer, not again! – 7:00 a.m.
A civilian employee reported striking a deer with his Chevrolet S-10 on Pine Canyon Road damaging the grill and bumper. With the exception of the deer, there were no injuries.

Nov. 14
Party gone wild – 12:14 a.m.
An airman’s wife reported loud noise from a quarters on Mulberry Street. An airman hosting a party was directed to quell the noise.

“Dog Day Afternoon” walk – 10:25 a.m.
A patrolman captured a black Lab and Pit Bull wandering on Mulberry Street. Each was sentenced to an overnight stay in the security forces stray animal pen.
Guilty as a gopher – 12:05 p.m.
An airman’s wife reported a neighbors dog burrowed into her backyard on Cedar Street. A patrolman delivered the pet to the owner, identified as an airman, as well as a Failure to Control Pet warning.

No soliciting allowed – 2:40 p.m.
An airman’s wife reported two females soliciting at her home on Baywood Street...yes, just magazines again. Patrolmen could not locate the females.

Who let the dogs out? – 8:30 p.m.
An airman reported two missing pets from his home on Mockernut Street. Investigation revealed the missing dogs were serving time in the base stray animal facility. The airman bailed his pets out for a small fee and was issued a Failure to Control Pet warning. The owner mentioned his pets have no way of escaping unless intentionally released.

Dude, where’s my car? – 8:45 p.m.
Patrolmen contacted a non-base affiliated civilian walking on southbound Highway 1 exhibiting signs of intoxication. A California Highway Patrol unit responded and determined the subject’s breath alcohol content registered .07. Realizing the highway is normally intended for driving and not walking, patrolmen commended the man for not “Driving drunk” and transported him to the base boundary.

Nov. 15
Don’t these people ever sleep! – 4:50 a.m.
An airman reported loud noise from a home on Del Cielo Court. Two airmen at the home complied with a request to quell the noise.

Really wrong turn – 9:23 p.m.
The Timber Lane gate sentry suspected a non-base affiliated civilian of driving under the influence. The driver’s vomit-soiled pants were just one of the clues. After refusing a Field Sobriety Test, a California Highway Patrol officer took him into custody. His vehicle was towed to Lompoc.

Honey, mooners! – 11:51 p.m.

An airman reported observing four juveniles exposing their bare bottoms to passing motorists on Juniper Street adjacent to Summersill Road. While conducting a check of the area, patrolmen observed a juvenile matching one of the physical descriptions run into a home. An airman at the home said the juveniles inside his quarters were in his presence throughout the night. A search of the area failed to reveal the culprits.

Nov. 16
Loud noise – 2:24 a.m.
An airman’s wife reported loud noise from a home on Banyan Drive. An airman was directed to quell the noise.
Concerned husband – 9:20 a.m.
An airman reported he could not locate his wife since 10 a.m. Nov. 15. He said a personal friend last saw her in the afternoon on the same day. Investigators initiated action to list her as a missing person in the National Crime Information Center database. All actions were terminated after the airman’s wife returned home at approximately 11:34 a.m. She did not disclose where she had been.

Roof prints in the sand – 1:53 p.m.
The Vandenberg Fire Department dispatcher reported a vehicle accident on the access road north of Wall Beach. Investigation revealed an airman’s daughter lost control of her Jeep Wrangler completely rolling over resting back on the wheels. A crushed fiberglass top and cracked window housing resulted. She was not injured and her vehicle was drivable.

Failure to control pet – 4:00 p.m.
An airman reported a stray dog scratched a neighborhood child in the park adjacent to Timber Lane. Investigation revealed the pet owner, identified as an airman, resided on Mountain View Boulevard. The airman was issued a Failure to Control Pet warning letter.

Cute, but apparently unwanted – 5:38 p.m.
An airman reported finding two German Shepard puppies on Mulberry Street while walking his dog. The puppies received time in the base stray animal facility.

Prisoner lookout – 7:38 p.m.
Lompoc Penitentiary officials reported a minimum custody prisoner walked away from the Prison Satellite Camp. Vandenberg AFB gates displayed the appropriate warning signs to deter motorists from picking up hitchhikers.

“Disturbing” trend:
Over the past 30 days, patrols responded to approximately 16 loud noise and music complaints in base housing and the dormitories, with the majority from the dorms. Quiet hours are observed 24 hours a day in the dormitory area. If stereos or other noise can be heard outside your room or through the walls, it’s too loud. Excessive noise is the primary complaint received by security forces. Many airmen work night shifts and are sleeping during the day. Be considerate. Don’t assume that your neighbors enjoy the same type of music or television programs you do. Please keep the volume down, excessive stereo and television volume is very disruptive. Remember, in California, “any person who maliciously and willfully disturbs another person by loud and unreasonable noise” is violating the law.

Around the Air Force

Personal beacon used in first rescue

■ **LANGLEY AFB, Va.** — A Cleveland man was rescued Nov. 14 through the help of a personal locator beacon and efforts of Air Force Rescue Coordination Center officials here.

The rescue marks the first such use of personal locator beacons in the contiguous United States.

Carl Skalak was in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York when he was snowed in at his campsite. Faced with frigid weather, 4-foot snow drifts and a frozen river that he had paddled in on, Skalak activated his beacon, alerting the rescue center of a distress.

The center is the single federal agency for search and rescue in the 48 contiguous states.

First call-to-service airmen graduate

■ **RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — The first person to enlist into the Air Force under the National Call to Service program graduated from Basic Military Training on Nov. 14 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Airman Hector Barreto of Ingleside, Texas, joined seven other airmen graduating who were among the first to take advantage of the Air Force's 15-month active-duty enlistment. Following graduation, Barreto will train in the security forces career field.

Rumsfeld: Up-or-out policy 'lousy idea'

By KATHLEEN T. RHEM

American Forces Press Service

■ **TOKYO** — The U.S. military's "up-or-out" personnel policy is "a lousy idea," Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said in Yokosuka, Japan, Nov. 15.

Speaking aboard the USS Blue Ridge, flagship of the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet, the secretary told sailors, soldiers, airmen and Marines that he believes the practice of forcing people to separate or retire if they are not promoted is wrong for the military.

"There's something wrong with a process that (forces people to retire in their 40s)," he said.

Other reasons to consider longer military careers are that people are living

longer and that knowledge and experience are becoming more and more valuable, he said.

New telephone service arrives for pay issues

■ **RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — A one-stop customer service phone number and Web page are up and running, linking several call centers and online resources Air Force people use when managing personnel and pay information.

A single phone number and a companion Web site now make it easier for Air Force active-duty and reserve component military, as well as U.S. appropriated fund civilian employees to find what they need quickly, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

Customers can find answers to questions by calling toll free (800) 616-3775 or visiting www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst. Until now the burden has been on Air Force people to determine which agency handles a particular issue before contacting customer service by phone or on the Web. Customers will be able to access any of the support services by using the new number and Web site.

Complaint reporting hot line available

■ **RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — The Air Force's hot line for reporting unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment remains open for business.

The quickest method to resolve complaints is by visiting the local base military equal opportunity or the equal employment office, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

"But the hot line is here for anyone who thinks they need to call, whenever they need to call," said Greg Den Herder, the personnel center's executive director.

"We take the Air Force's 'zero-tolerance' policy for sexual harassment and discrimination very seriously," said Lt. Col. Lee Shick, chief of center's field activities.

The phone numbers are toll free (800) 616-3775, DSN 665-5000 or commercial (210) 565-5000. People overseas without easy access to overseas lines can e-mail contact.center@randolph.af.mil, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil to send Web mail or chat live with a customer service

representative.

Letters can also be sent to the MEO office at HQ AFPC/DPSFOS, 550 C Street West Post K, Randolph AFB, TX 78150.

Officials said they accept calls from active-duty airmen, their family members, retirees, civilian employees and cadets at Air Force commissioning sources.

Counselors take calls Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST. After hours voice mail takes messages. Counselors return phone calls the following duty day, officials said. For emergencies, people should contact a supervisor, commander, command post or the police, officials said.

Coalition health care a combined effort

By CAPT. BRUS E. VIDAL

376th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

■ **MANAS AB, Kyrgyzstan** — The mission of the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing here is to project combat airpower in the U.S. Central Command area of operations.

But that mission is not possible without a fit, healthy team of international coalition members operating as a cohesive team.

Medics from the 376th Expeditionary Medical Group and South Korea's 924th Medical Group help ensure servicemembers here are fit to fight.

The U.S. side has basic primary medical capabilities, including internal medicine, family practice, flight medicine, general dentistry, nursing, public health and bioenvironmental care.

Iron Hammer continues pounding

■ **WASHINGTON** — Air Force and Army aircraft reportedly pounded insurgent staging and operating facilities and killed seven people preparing an attack on U.S. forces during the second night of Operation Iron Hammer in Iraq.

U.S. Central Command officials reported Nov. 14 that F-16 Fighting Falcons overnight destroyed a building used by terrorists for munitions storage and as a staging area in Husayba, near the Syrian border. They said the jets used two joint direct-attack munitions "to limit collateral damage and complete the destruction of the target."

Honoring America's veterans



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. BRIAN DAVIDSON

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan -- (Left to right) Airman 1st Class William Jannisch, Staff Sgt. Cassie Letendre, Airman 1st Class Jason Ventura and Senior Airman James Butler conduct a retreat ceremony honoring American veterans. The ceremony was on the roof of a Soviet-built aircraft control tower here Nov. 11. The airmen are assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. Jannisch and Letendre are deployed from Holloman AFB, N.M.; Ventura is deployed from Cannon AFB, N.M.; and Butler is deployed from Minot AFB, N.D.

The command also reported that hundreds of headquarters staff members will augment the command's forward headquarters in Qatar. Though most of the 2,000-person staff is remaining at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., the added manpower in Qatar will support the theater's operational commanders and Army Gen. John Abizaid, CENTCOM commander, as

he travels in the region. Numbers of staff at the forward headquarters have fluctuated with various operations and exercises, command officials said in a statement announcing the Qatar augmentation.

(These articles are courtesy of Air Force Print News. To view the full stories go to the Air Force Web site at www.af.mil.)



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. MICHAEL HOLZWORTH

Paying respect

ARLINGTON, Va. -- President George W. Bush lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns during the Veterans Day wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery Nov. 11.



PHOTO BY JOHN VAN WINKLE

Lobos take Falcons, 24-12

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- Air Force halfback Darnell Stephens cuts upfield to avoid the grasp of New Mexico linebacker Billy Strother. The junior rushed four times for 27 yards and the team's sole touchdown during Air Force's 24-12 loss to the University of New Mexico Lobos Nov. 15.

Three Team Vandenberg airmen leave their mark at Gunter NCO academy

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

In late July three NCOs met in the Santa Maria airport for the first time. Although they were all stationed at Vandenberg, they'd never met. It seemed a quirk of fate would turn strangers and neighbors into travel companions and classmates.

Master Sgt. Robert Olivero, 30th Operations Support Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Robert Leal, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Robert Folsom, 30th Space Wing Safety, all graduated from the NCO Academy at Gunter Annex, Ala. Sept. 9, each taking something different away from the six-week course.

The three were some of the last members of Team Vandenberg to travel to Gunter for the class. All left their mark in one way or another.

award was a total surprise for me," Folsom said. "When they called out my name for the award, it really didn't sink in that I won."

Folsom said he was a little apprehensive about going to the academy after hearing horror stories about the professional military education course.

But once he arrived, his attitude changed.

"I enjoyed being there and learning. I told the commandant I thought the course could be longer because they give you so much information in such a short time," Folsom said. Learning the different perspectives from around the Air Force was important, he added. The course showed him there was always more than one way to handle a situation.

Not to be outdone, Leal earned the Distinguished Graduate Award, which recognizes the achievements of the students whose performance places them at the top of their class. Only the top 10 percent of each class receives this award.

Before arriving at Gunter, the distinguished graduate award wasn't really a goal for Leal.

"I just wanted to do the best I could

and graduate from the academy," he said.

"After I took the pretest at the beginning of the course and scored the highest in the class, I thought I might have a shot at getting it."

Award aside, Leal said his flight concentrated on making sure everyone from their flight graduated.

"If someone was lagging in our flight, we all made it a point to pick that person up," Leal said.

"We wanted to see the 14 members of our flight all graduate."

As class commander, Olivero was more concerned about all 190 members of the class graduating.

"I had a line for master sergeant before I entered the academy, so they gave me the responsibility of class commander," Olivero said.

Taking his role very seriously, Olivero made it a goal that everyone graduate.

"I got with my flight sergeants after I took the position of class commander and told them that I wanted to see all 190 NCOs graduate from the academy," Olivero said. It was a feat that had not been accomplished since the NCO academy began at Gunter in 2000.

"As class commander, I had the responsibility of scheduling all the retreats, reveilles and uniform

inspections," Olivero said. "At the graduation night I received the class diploma and gave the commandant our legacy, which was a bell of knowledge."

Olivero said it made him very happy when the commandant announced his class was the first to graduate every one of its members.

"Some people were looking for awards and some were struggling to graduate, but everyone pulled together and accomplished for 190 in and 190 out," Olivero said. The former technical sergeant received his master sergeant stripe on graduation night.

"It was great to see Folsom and Leal win their awards," Olivero said. "I couldn't be prouder.

"I had a really good time at the academy," Folsom said. "It was a good experience and I'm looking forward to the Senior NCO academy. Having my family there watch me win the award was great."

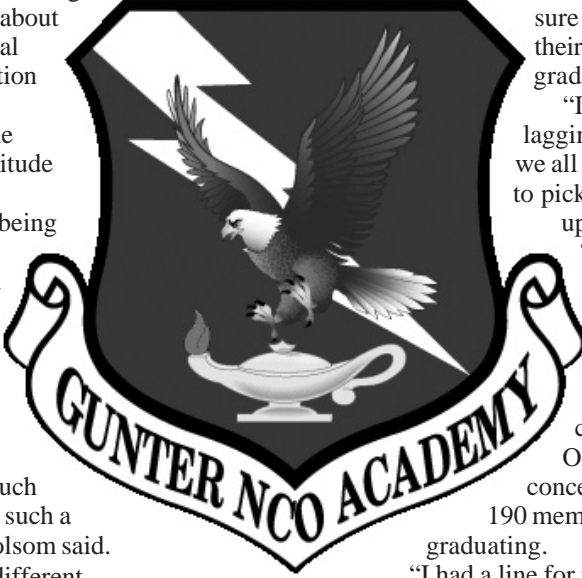
"The goal of the NCO Academy is to make NCOs better leaders and supervisors," Olivero said. "Our first day, during the introductions most NCOs said they wanted to be better supervisors."

"The information I learned there I already knew but they taught us how to apply it," Leal said.

"Everybody has their own unique way of dealing with a situation. Some were given the same scenarios but they handled it in a different way."

The trio returned to Vandenberg with a wealth of knowledge and new friends.

"We all went down together and accomplished something different," Olivero said.



“Winning the award was a total surprise for me,” Folsom said. “When they called out my name for the award, it really didn’t sink in that I won.”

TECH. SGT. ROBERT FOLSOM, 30TH SPACE WING SAFETY

Folsom received the John L. Levitow Award, given to the student who achieves the highest overall score in academics, performance evaluations and leadership qualities. It's also the highest honor awarded to an Air Force enlisted professional military education graduate.

“Winning the

Playoff preview

30th CES, Space Wing to faceoff in flag football final

By Staff Sgt. Chuck Walker
30th Space Communications Squadron

Expect the unexpected. That is exactly what has happened so far during the Base Intramural Flag Football playoffs.

The teams that were expected to do well and win the title (14th Air Force, the 576th Flight Test Squadron and the 30th Medical Group) all are gone. One team not expected to do well – the 30th Civil Engineers Squadron – is still alive.

Now, the underdog CE team, undefeated in the playoffs, faces the American League champion 30th Space Wing team for the championship Monday.

In the regular season, the wing defeated CE all three times they faced each other beating them 12-6, 22-8 and 26-14.

Now these teams face each other with the title riding in the balance.

CE coach Jeff Vega said his team is not worried about having lost to the Space Wing three times in the regular season. He said his team is focused on winning.

“It’s a whole new ballgame in the playoffs,” Vega said. “They’re a more mediocre team now than they were in the regular season. As long as we come out to play, we should have no problem with them.”

Vega says he’s put some extra work in he didn’t do during the regular season that has paid dividends in his team’s

success.

“I’ve done a lot more scouting of the other teams during the playoffs,” Vega said. “This has allowed me to be able to tell certain personnel where they need to be and what to watch out for. This has allowed us to capitalize and take advantage of the other team’s weaknesses during the playoffs.”

The proof is in the pudding.

CE has defeated the defending base champions, 14 AF, the 576th and the cops to reach the championship round.

Vega says he’s a little shocked at his team’s turnaround from the regular season, coming into the playoffs as the last seed.

“There is some surprise,” Vega said. “I knew if we put our minds to it we could accomplish anything. But I am shocked at how we’ve beaten some of the top teams. We beat the 14 AF 24-7 and we took out the 576th 24-12. Those were two of the top seeds in the playoffs.”

The wing’s roller-coaster ride.

After dropping their first game in the playoffs to the 381st Training Squadron 24-21, the Wing has won four consecutive games to make it into the finals, outscoring the opposition 82-15 in that span.

Space Wing team captain Bryan Franks said he hopes his team can keep its streak alive in the championship round.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL

30th Security Forces Squadron and 30th Space Wing duke it out for a slot in the finals Wednesday.

“We just have to play consistently,” Franks said. “We can’t go into the championship thinking less of the team we’re playing. They are the No. 1 seed now and we have to beat them twice to win the championship. We can’t make any stupid mistakes.”

Franks said his team can’t worry about having to win two games; they

just have to take care of business.

“There is always pressure, knowing that if you lose, your season is over,” Franks said. “Even if we win the first game, we still have a second game to win.

The same pressure will be there. We just have to take it one game at a time and not worry about the second game

until it comes about.”

Vega said his team feels great to have a shot at the title.

“It feels good and it’s a big relief,” Vega said. “Before the playoffs, I didn’t know how we’d come out. Everybody came out as a team and we came together. Now we have just one more goal to accomplish.”

Sports Briefs

BODY CONDITIONING

A total body conditioning class is held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Services Center.

FITNESS CONTEST

The ‘Walk Your Way Through the Holidays’ fitness contest begins Monday and runs through Dec. 19. Sign up at the fitness or health and wellness center.

YOUTH GOLF LESSONS

Marshallia Ranch Golf course holds youth golf lessons at 1:30 p.m. Saturday for youth ages eight and up.

CGO COURSE RUN

The Company Grade Officer Course run is at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the obstacle course. Call 2nd Lt. Korinne Houston at 605- 0782.

Intramural Sports

Winter Softball

Team	Wins	Losses	Team	Wins	Losses	Team	Wins	Losses
SFS No. 1	3	1	NRO	4	3	WS	3	3
SFS No. 2	3	2	14AF	0	4	533RD	2	3
CES No. 1	2	2	HAWKS	3	0	576TH	4	4
CES No. 2	2	2	1 ASTS	5	0	392ND	1	6

Big surprises await at small museum

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Since bass fishing has begun to slow down and my editor wants me to write about something other than fishing or the outdoors. I packed up and headed to the Santa Maria Natural History Museum.

The museum is located in the Reuben Hart Residence, which was built in 1877, making it the oldest house in Santa Maria. The Santa Maria City Council donated the house to the Natural History Museum.

As I walked over to the museum, the retirees next door were yard bowling. The museum itself wasn't very big but there was plenty to look at once I was inside.

The inside is painted with mural after mural of different scenes from around the Central Coast.

A replica of Tyrannosaurs Rex's head hangs from the ceiling greeting guests with its toothy grin.

Ann Boyle, one of the museums docents, greeted me with a smile and asked if she could help me with anything. I politely said, "No, but thanks for asking."

There is a touch table in the main room, which are set up for people of all ages to touch things from seashells to a stuffed bobcat.

Boyle said that the kids couldn't keep their hands off the bobcat.

In the adjacent room, many different species of birds were displayed, with diagrams showing the major migratory path these birds take every year.

Along with the animal displays, man-made artifacts like arrowheads and bracelets are also on display for the viewing eye.

I asked Boyle if people ever wonder where they get the animals for the displays.

Laughing, she said that kids ask all the time if she killed the animals herself,



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS

(Left to right) Ann Boyle shows off one of the shells in the hands-on display. Mammoth bones are found in the do not touch category of the museum. The Reuben Hart Residence, which was built in 1877 is the oldest house in Santa Maria.

although most them have been donated by various groups and organizations.

On the first Saturday of the month the museum has live animals on display from 1 to 4 p.m., which ranges from puppies to lamas.

All-in-all, I enjoyed my visit to the museum; the people were friendly and it was free.

The Natural History Museum is open Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours are available for groups and classes. Call 805-614-0806 for more information.

SANTA MARIA HISTORY MUSEUM DIRECTIONS

Leave Vandenberg on Highway 1 towards Santa Maria. Take the Orcutt Expressway.

It turns into South Broadway. Continue on until Cook St. and turn right then turn right on McClelland St. the museum is directly on the left.



SPACE & MISSILE TIMES

Destinations Central Coast

WANTS YOU!

Have you visited a Central Coast destination lately? Share it with the rest of Team V! Send in a 400 - 600 word rough draft about your adventure! Send submissions to: space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil

Community Calendar

- 21 FRI

Youth Basketball scholarships – Applications are located at the youth center and base library.

Cell phone collection – Family Advocacy is collecting used cell phones and accessories to be recycled for people involved in domestic violence.

Collection boxes are located at the commissary, base exchange and medical clinic. Call 606-8217.

Low walk-up fares – American Airlines expanded its military fares to next fall. The fares include no advance-purchase requirements and no change fees. Call (800) 433-7300.

Hunters Against Hunger – donate wild game to the needy. Call 606-6804.

Hebrew, Bar Mitzvah – classes are available. Call 734-3311.

Free car seats – to E-4 and

21 FRI

The Vandenberg Airmen's Attic – needs donations of items necessary to set up a household. The program is open to military personnel E-5 and below with an Air Force Form 552 from their first sergeant. Call 606-5484.

G.I. Java seeks musicians – G.I. Java wants local musicians to play at the coffeehouse during business hours. Solo performers and bands are welcome. Call the Chapel at 606-5778 for an audition.

Gift of Groceries program – The Defense Commissary Agency offers a gift certificate program that allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates to donate to military families through charitable organizations or give directly to military friends and family. Gift

21 FRI

Marriage enrichment counseling – offered on a one-on-one basis for married and unmarried couples. Call 606-9958.

Dads-to-New Dads and Moms-to-New Moms programs – These mentorship programs offer support to new moms and dads. Call Nancy Sias at 606-5338.

Parking Lot Sale – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of building 8173. Call 606-1541.

Thanksgiving Service and Dinner – The Chapel hosts an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at 5 p.m. Sunday at Chapel 1 followed by Thanksgiving dinner at 6 p.m. in the Chapel 1 annex.

22 SAT

certificates are available online at www.commissaries.com.

23 SUN

Jonathan Wild concert – 3 p.m. Sunday at the Lompoc Civic Auditorium. Call 733-0240.

24 MON

Relaxation room – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-2221 for an appointment.

25 TUE

Stress & Self Management class – 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Dec. 9 at the Health and Wellness Center. Learn skills to deal with conflict, relaxation techniques and positive lifestyle choices. Call 606-0039.

25 TUE

Vandenberg Retiree Activities Center – Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

25 TUE

Tuesday through Friday in building 10346 in the base exchange shopping center. Call 606-5474 for more information.

25 TUE

Sign language classes – 3 to 3:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the education center room E-4. The class is for children in third through fifth grades. Call (805) 734-0452.

25 TUE

Baby Meet – 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the religious education center, building 16140. Baby Meet offers discussion and socialization for expectant parents and those with babies newborn through two years old. Call 734-1461.

26 WED

Mechanics of Resume Writing – 9 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family support center. Call 606-0039.

26 WED

Playtime for Tots – 10 a.m.

26 WED

Wednesdays at Cocheo Park. The playgroup is for parents and children ages two to five. Call 734-2098.

26 WED

Catholic fellowship – Noon Wednesdays at Cocheo Park following 11:30 a.m. mass at Chapel 2.

27 THU

Risk reduction classes – 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the HAWC. Call 606-2221 to sign up.

DEC 2 TUE

Chapel singles group – 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month at G.I. Java.

DEC 2 TUE

Heart Link – 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 2 at the family support center. The program assists civilian spouses married to an active duty member 5 years or less. Free childcare is provided. To register, call 606-0039.

Movie Corner

Hi-Way Drive-in
Santa Maria Ph. 937-3515
GEN. ADM. \$5 KIDS 4-11 \$1

THE CAT AND THE HAT PG 7:00 p.m.
RADIO PG

Parks Plaza Buellton
Buellton Ph. 688-7434

MYSTIC RIVER R
DAILY 4:00-7:00 FRI. 9:30 SAT-SUN 1:00
(Ends Nov. 25)
BROTHER BEAR G
DAILY 2:15-4:45-7:15 SAT-SUN 11:45-9:30
(Ends Nov. 25)
THE CAT IN THE HAT PG
DAILY 2:15-4:45-7:15 FRI 9:30
SAT-SUN 11:45-9:30
ELF PG
DAILY 2:15-4:45-7:15 FRI 9:30

MASTER AND COMMANDER PG-13
DAILY 4:00-7:00 FRI 9:30 SAT-SUN 1:00
THE HAUNTED MANSION PG
(Starts Nov. 26) Call for showtimes.
TIMELINE PG-13
(Starts Nov. 26) Call for showtimes.

Movies Gemini
Lompoc Ph. 736-1306

BROTHER BEAR G
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:00 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00
(Ends Nov. 25)
ELF PG
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00
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THE HAUNTED MANSION PG
(Starts Nov. 26) Call for showtimes.
TIMELINE PG-13
(Starts Nov. 26) Call for showtimes

Movies Lompoc
Lompoc Ph. 736-1558

MASTER AND COMMANDER PG-13
DAILY 4:00-7:00-9:35 SAT-SUN 1:00
THE MATRIX REVOLUTIONS R
DAILY 7:00-9:30 (Ends Nov. 25)
LOONEY TUNES BACK IN ACTION PG
DAILY 4:45 SAT-SUN 11:45-2:15 (Ends Nov. 25)
THE CAT IN THE HAT PG
DAILY 4:45-7:00-9:00 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00
GOTHICA R
DAILY 4:30-7:00-9:30 SAT-SUN 11:30-2:00
MISSING R
(Starts Nov. 26) Call for show times.

General Admission \$7 kids and seniors \$5 All shows before 5:30 p.m. \$5. Movies and times subject to change

Call Edwards Santa Maria 10 for movie listings (800) 326-3264

Vandenberg Thrift Shop

The Vandenberg Thrift Shop is open
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Call 606-3128 to find out more.

The shop is located next to the skills development center in Bldg. 11180. They always need volunteers.

Everyone's invited to the Thanksgiving service and meal beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday at Chapel 1.

30th Services News

SERVICES CENTER



SANTA VISITS BASE HOUSING

If you would like Santa to visit your children in your home (base housing only), stop by the Services Center and sign up beginning Dec. 1. Cost is \$5 per family. Just bring a small, wrapped gift for each child to the Services Center the day **BEFORE** your scheduled visit, and Santa will deliver them in person.

Visits available Mon-Fri, December 8-11, 15-18 and Dec. 22 and 23 from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call Lynn Warner at 606-7976.

Volunteer Santas are needed!

If you are interested in being a volunteer Santa for the base children and their families, please contact Lynn Warner at 606-7976.

YOUTH CENTER

Friday - Preteen Dance

6 to 8 p.m., \$1 each

Saturday - Thanksgiving Feast

6 p.m.

Call the Youth Center for details, 606-2512.

November is holiday canned food drive month at the Youth Center. For each donation you name will be submitted for a drawing to win a holiday turkey. Drawing to be held Monday, 5 p.m. at the Youth Center.

GOLF COURSE

Saturday - Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot
two-person scramble

Tuesday - Draw Tee Times for holiday weekend, Thursday to Nov. 30.

Thursday - Thanksgiving Day
Course open

Call for more information, 606-0606.

OUTDOOR REC

Horseback T·R·A·I·L R·I·D·E at the Circle-B-Ranch



Dec. 13

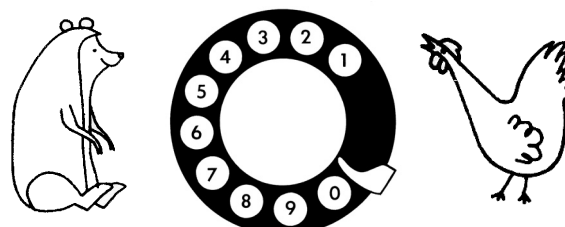
1:30 to 2:45 p.m.

Sign up deadline, Dec. 8

Depart Outdoor Rec promptly at 11:45 a.m.

For more information or for reservations,
Call Outdoor Rec at 606-5908.

LIBRARY



DIAL·A·STORY

Just dial
6060-4300

This story-telling service is available 24/7 for children of all ages. There is a new story every Friday afternoon.

This week's story: 'Race of the Tails.'

Pick one up today!

2004 DISCOVERY DINING BOOKS

Available at the Services Center
for **\$19.95**

Find the Missing Reindeer & Win Big!

Congratulations
to
Amy Porter
Amy caught Prancer!



Amy Porter is now entered into our grand prize drawing for a family vacation package to **DISNEYLAND CALIFORNIA** sponsored by **WALMART!**
(2-adults, 2-children, and hotel stay)

Listen to 106.7 My 80s My 90s My Music with Jennifer Grant in the morning for clues and winners!

-OR-

Go to www.30svs.com for more hidden clues and rules!

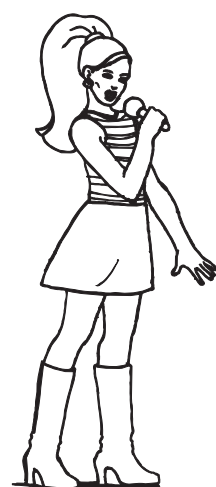
Be sure to hit **REFRESH** with each visit.



No Federal Endorsement Intended.

SERVICES CENTER

Get ready, it's coming soon!



Family & Teen TALENT SHOW

*Do you have a Talent?
Do you Dance? Sing?
Play a Musical Instrument?*

If you do, come out and audition for the annual talent show performance held in Dec. We also need volunteers to help with backstage lighting, sound, props, etc. Participation is **FREE** for both audition and performance.

AUDITION:

Today, 5 to 10 p.m., at the Vandenberg Center.

PERFORMANCE:

Dec. 6, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Vandenberg Center.

Call Lynn Warner at 605-8974 or Mike Renner at 606-2152 for more information or to volunteer.

FITNESS CENTER

Spin on a Schwinn and Win!



**Demo
this bike
until
Dec. 19th!**

**at the
Services Center**

The Fitness Center is demonstrating a new stationary bike from Schwinn, and you have a chance to take it home! Just ride for 10-minutes and fill out a quick survey... it's that easy and you could win it just in time for Christmas! (One entry per person. Drawing will be held on Dec. 20.)

Call the Fitness Center for more information, 606-3834.
No Federal Endorsement Intended.

Tuesday - Box Aerobics

Services Center, noon to 12:45 p.m. FIP Class

Thursday - THANKSGIVING DAY

Holiday Hours at the Fitness Center, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

NOTICE • PACIFIC COAST CLUB

Evening
Dining
**MONGOLIAN
BBQ**

Wednesday

Both Programs CANCELLED

**Sunday
BRUNCH**

Nov. 30

**Join us tonight at the club
and sample this week's beer!**

**AROUND
THE WORLD**



Twenty Countries, Twenty Beers



PHILIPPINES



MEXICO



AUSTRALIA



JAMAICA



CANADA

Enjoy your trip!